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1. Concentration camps in Bulgaria are located as follows:

- a. At Belene, on the Danube River near Svishtov, is a camp composed of five sections, one of which is on an island in the Danube. At this camp there are about 10,000 political prisoners. all Bulgarian citizens, but of various minority groups, such as [] Pomaks, Armenians [] The commander of the camp is General Kourtev.

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- b. Near the village of Nozharovo is a camp consisting of nine sections containing about 8,000 prisoners. The director is Nikola Dianov; the assistant director is Toncho Kostov. The main section is located at Nozharovo and the other sections are variously located at the following places :

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- (1) Zagrad
- (2) Glavinitza
- (3) Kufelcha
- (4) Terter
- (5) Podles (180)
- (6) Bashtina
- (7) Bosna (700 to 800 women)
- (8) Tutrakan (700 to 800 women).

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- c. The Bogdanov-Dol camp is located near the coal mining area of Pernik. About 3,000 political prisoners are working in the mines. During March and April 1949, 1,500 persons were sent to this camp.
- d. The Makarensko camp near CherVEN Breg is located near the juncture of the Danube and Isker Rivers. It has about 3,000 prisoners.
- e. Near the village of Gigen, on the Danube, 5,000 political prisoners are building dikes along the river.
- f. In the Troyan area near the village of Mikre there is a camp with about 1,500 prisoners.

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2. Work in the concentration camps is forced labor. Each group is given a certain norm of work to do; for example, they must dig so many cubic meters of earth. In each camp there are hog pens with 1,000 to 1,500 hogs, which the prisoners tend. Prisoners work every day except 1 May and 9 September; on those days they must go to the nearest village and participate in the public demonstrations. Some prisoners are assigned to the Black Companies whose work day is 16 hours long.

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